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MAYOR DENNIS PROPOSES PARK BOND ISSUE TO AID JOBLESS

HANDBILLS TO BE BARRED IN CITY AT ONCE

Waste Paper Nuisance Will Be Eliminated by Law in Effect Here Today.

No longer will residence porches and lawns be littered with handbills and other printed matter, and no longer will the tidy householder be obliged to disentangle waste paper from his thorny rose bushes and shrubbery, because after today, the distribution of handbills, dodgers, posters, circulars, shopping news or any type of advertising matter from door to door or in automobiles will be prohibited in the city of Torrance as the result of an ordinance passed Tuesday evening by the Torrance City Council. The new ordinance takes effect immediately.

Violation of the ordinance carries a maximum penalty of \$300 fine and three months in the county jail. In addition to the distribution of such circulars the ordinance prohibits the posting of advertising signs or placards on any public property.

According to Mayor Dennis, so many complaints have been made by housewives about their lawns and doorsteps being cluttered up with obnoxious handbills that by unanimous vote the city council decided to prohibit their distribution entirely.

Mayor Dennis also stated that he had noticed that in practically every instance where chain markets distributed handbills, the same quotations printed in the handbills were advertised the same week in the Torrance Herald.

"Similar ordinances are in effect in some 25 Southern California cities, including: Gardena, Santa Monica, Inglewood, Compton, South Gate, Alhambra, Claremont, Burbank, South Pasadena, and Monrovia," Mayor Dennis explained, and added that he thought it was about time Torrance residents were given relief from the handbill nuisance.

The ordinance adopted this week is an exact copy of ordinances now in force in Inglewood and South Gate, both of which were validated in recent test cases before the state supreme court.

The ordinance does not prohibit the delivery of bona fide newspapers or magazines to their subscribers, nor does it prohibit the posting of signs on private property with the consent of the owners or occupant. Full text of the ordinance is printed on another page of this issue of the Torrance Herald.

Her Next Snort May Be Her Last

"She still snorts," declares Councilman G. A. R. Steiner at council meeting Tuesday night, "but she's getting old and needs a lot of attention." So the council authorized the Streets Committee, composed of Councilman Smith, Bell and Steiner, together with William Gascoigne, street superintendent, to investigate "her" and "her" associate, another veteran in the city's services. If they find that "they're" too old and too far gone, perhaps the street department will get two brand-new trucks.

ROYAL PALMS PARK LEASE IS POSTPONED

New Plan to Be Presented at Meeting of Board on Nov. 24, it is Reported

A note agreeable proposition to lease the Royal Palms site for a county recreational center will be considered by the board of supervisors on November 24 following Chairman Sidney T. Graves' return from a trip to Mexico, it was learned this week.

According to Supervisor John R. Quinn, the newest proposal is better than previous deals which have been reported and has been worked out by County Counsel Mattoon and the heirs of the famous Sepulveda estate, owners of the 355-acre tract. The latest proposition to the county is that the supervisors would lease the land and physical improvements of the Royal Palm club, valued at \$275,000, for 41 years at an annual rental of \$60,000 for the first eight years, beginning in 1931 and ending in 1939, and \$28,000 per year thereafter.

It is also proposed that under this agreement the county will deal directly with the heirs of the Sepulveda family.

Under the previous offer, which was made by the Royal Palms Acreage company, the county was to pay \$275,000 to acquire improvements on the site and for the first and last years' lease on a 50-year agreement. After the first year the county was to have paid an annual rental of \$18,000.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Modisetti, who have been visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Wertz for the past month, left Thursday for Burbank, where they plan to reside.

FOR fireplace wood, phone 202-R. Adv.

Ladeez an' Gents-- City Gives Party!

"GAY '90's TO BE THEME FOR A "GOOD OLD FASHIONED CHRISTMAS" IN TORRANCE

Where's Those Derbies? Those Celluloid Collars? The Puffed Sleeves?—and the Wasp-Waist? They Are the Styles for Our Big Pre-Christmas Party Sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce on December 6.



Bring out those old time derbies, men. Wipe the dust off the celluloid collar and bend on the iron cuffs.

And all you members of the fairer sex, where are those trailing skirts and voluminous petticoats of yesteryear, the puffed sleeves and the toothpick pointed shoes?—Not to mention the wasp-waisted corset.

Bring them out to the light of day once more, for Torrance is going to throw a party. A "Gay Nineties" party!

Let's Have Some Fun! Saturday night, December 6, will mark the opening of the Christmas season in Torrance, and the slogan of the hour is "Let's Make This a Good Old-Fashioned Christmas."

And in order to make it an old-fashioned Christmas, with the aid and cooperation of all the citizens of Torrance, the Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a big street dance and celebration.

Merchants to Join Cash prizes to the amount of \$100 will be distributed to the wearers of the most typical "Gay Nineties" costumes. A famous old time orchestra has been engaged to play the favorite tunes, and the streets around the flag pole in the center of the city will echo to the strains of "Daisy Bell," "A Bicycle Built for Two," "After the Ball,"

"Sweetest Story Ever Told," and many another popular hit while the dancers sway in the waltz and schottische, and prance through the Virginia reel and square dances.

Torrance merchants will deck their windows with Christmas gifts of bygone years, as well as the more modern offerings which will appeal to the 1930 taste, for this street celebration and dance will be the beginning of the present holiday season.

Just a Neighbor Party Everyone in Torrance is invited to share in the festivities of the evening, so get your mind on the good old days of sleigh rides and oyster suppers, lace mitts and beaucatcher curls, and get a costume ready that will lend a realistic glamour to the occasion. It need not be expensive but should be of the vintage of 1890, real or imitation. Cash prizes to be awarded will make several some ones' efforts worth while.

This celebration will be Torrance's own. Nothing of the glittering pageants of the big cities. Just a neighbor's party full of the spirit of kindness and Christmas goodwill that enriched the parties of the Gay Nineties, full of fun and laughter and good cheer.

Let's make this a "Good Old-Fashioned Christmas!"

Herald-News to Be Issued on Monday, Friday Next Week

In order to give food stores and other merchants an opportunity of advertising their Thanksgiving Day offerings, this newspaper will publish an extra edition next week on Monday. News and advertising copy for the Monday edition will close at 10 a. m. Monday.

The regular edition of the Herald-News will be delivered on Friday next week due to Thanksgiving falling on the regular publication day. A special "Gay Nineties" supplement will be included in the Friday edition.

It will be an intensely interesting exposition of the gay Christmas festivities of the early days and will be profusely illustrated. Watch for this "Gay Nineties" edition. You will be given many helpful suggestions for planning your costume for the old fashioned "Gay Nineties" street dance on December 6.

City Won't Join Water District At This Time

Would Cost \$17,000 to Get in Corporation by March 1

It would cost the city of Torrance \$17,000.47 to enter the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California at this time—and the city must vote before March 1 if it wishes to enter with 11 other cities who plan to get water from the Colorado river by way of the proposed Metropolitan aqueduct.

This was the information given to the council Tuesday night by the district in response to the city's request for admittance and information on the subject of the cost to the city for entering.

However, the council took no action on the information and consequently the matter is shelved for the time being. The board of directors of the district gave permission to the city to enter the district some time ago and the last date for the election and the statement of what the city of Torrance would have to assume in the way of financial responsibility was forthcoming this week.

Study Route Plan The \$17,000 sum was ordered to be paid in specified payments at interest of three per cent, and represents the city's share of the cost of engineering surveys and office work to March 1, or the date proposed for the election, according to the directors of the district.

Two other cities, Ontario and Fullerton, have applied for entrance in the district and they too must hold an election by March 1 in order to join with the 11 cities now comprising the district. Maps of the Parker route for the Metropolitan aqueduct are now being studied by the various Southern California municipalities interested in the project.

Chief Engineer Frank E. Weymouth has recommended this route for the great water artery over approximately 60 other tentative routes. Local councilmen have expressed the thought that Torrance should not consider voting on the matter at this time but should wait until the city is larger and more able to assume the financial responsibility of entering the district.

"Cold Snap" Weather Recorded at School

Yes, sir, it was plenty cold in Torrance this morning. According to the records kept at the Torrance high school of weather conditions, the minimum temperature early this morning was 36 degrees.

The total rainfall this year to date amounts to .65, it is reported. There was .42 of an inch of rain Saturday and .23 of an inch Sunday. Last year at this time the city had received but .38 of an inch.

LOCAL LABOR WOULD BE USED EXCLUSIVELY ON BIG PROJECT

Chamber's Aid Sought to Secure Petitions for Election at Once to Relieve Distressing Unemployment; Legion Backs Plan for Large Public Park

Mayor John Dennis and the city council are not going to "sit tight" during this wave of unemployment and thereby hold vital public improvements to a minimum. Instead the mayor has determined—and the city council is unanimously supporting his plans—to place the question of the unemployment situation before the voters.

And this is how, and why: At council meeting Tuesday night, Mayor Dennis, in a well considered and logical talk, broached plans to ask the people for a bond issue that will permit the purchase of a large park, its complete buildings, apparatus, equipment and landscaping.

Such a civic project will give employment to a number of men here who are in desperate need of work. Local men, men with families, taxpayers—no outside labor but a unified Torrance project, financed from a bond issue voted by citizens who are determined to aid responsible men who are now in "dire" circumstances because of unemployment.

Chamber's Aid Sought At the conclusion of Dennis' talk, the councilmen—all of them—agreed that such a proposal was necessary, vital and should receive the endorsement of the people.

The aid of the Chamber of Commerce will be sought at once to secure the necessary petitions to call the bond issue election as soon as possible. Carl Hyde, executive secretary of the Chamber, who was present at the meeting this week, told the council that he believed the petitions could be secured for presentation to the city governing board by this next meeting, which will be December 2.

As yet no estimate has been made of the cost of such a park. This will be announced in the near future. The park itself should be about 40 or 45 acres in area in order to install all the facilities that are essential for a city the size of Torrance—and that would accommodate a reasonable increase in population in the years to come.

Cheapest Cost in Years Here's what Mayor Dennis said, when he presented his plan to the council this week:

"There is something coming up here in Torrance as well as all over the United States. It is the matter of parks and playgrounds for children and adults. This subject has become increasingly important in every city in the land and we have had it discussed here many times.

"Now is the time to act. We can buy a park site here of 40 or 45 acres at the cheapest cost in

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SCHOOL HAS LARGE LIBRARY

Nearly 3500 Volumes in High School Library; Annual Report Shows More Books Being Read Now

What do children read? This is a question that is asked by educators, librarians and parents more and more each year in an effort to determine what influences are prevalent among the younger generation for good or bad conduct. What a child reads is highly important in developing that child along the proper channels.

For that reason, the Torrance high school maintains a fine library of nearly 3500 volumes and 227 bound volumes of magazines for use of the students. This library includes books of science, useful arts, literature, history and fiction.

Principal Herbert S. Wood has just received the annual report of Miss Florence Behr, librarian at the school, and it proves that the students are taking advantage of this great fund of reading material. Only 14 Books Lost Miss Behr reports that the attendance in the library has greatly

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22 Shopping Days 'Til Christmas

PLAYGROUND SYSTEM BEGUN

Chamber Directors Vote to Take Option on First of Four Possible Play Areas for Small Children Only

Playgrounds equipped with suitable apparatus will be established in various sections of the city for the use of small children in the near future as the board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce have made the first step in acquiring these necessary adjuncts to civic welfare.

The directors voted Monday night to authorize the taking of a 30-day option on the first of these playgrounds which will be located facing Madrid avenue between Sonoma avenue and Carson street. Lots 17, 18, 19 and 20 of Block No. 52 are offered to the Chamber for playground purposes at a price of \$217.50 each, or a total cost of \$2470. It was announced that W. Rufus Page, real estate agent for the owner of the four lots, has donated his commission to the Chamber to get the lots at that price.

It is the intention of the Chamber to purchase the land from the Chamber of Commerce fund and ask the city to buy the equipment

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INHALATOR CALLS WILL BE SPEEDED

Council Orders Elimination of "Red Tape"; No Minors on Fire Department

Elimination of all "red tape" in regard to inhalator calls received by the fire department and installation of a distinctive whistle alarm to hurry up responses to such calls will be in order here in the near future.

It is planned that all inhalator calls will be answered by the fireman on duty and the police sergeant at the station immediately without calling up Fire Chief Ben Hannebink and going through a lot of other formalities.

Councilman Smith is urging the installation of the special signal in order that the one fireman on duty at the fire station may respond at once to an inhalator call without having to wait for a man

to be placed on it. This equipment will consist of swings, sand pits, teeter-totters, bars, merry-go-round swings and other apparatus for the enjoyment of small children.

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Three Motherless Boys Badly Beaten by Sailor-Father Here

Youngest, Age 5, Recovers From Vicious Attack to Guide Police to Where Injured Brothers Were Lying

Three little motherless boys, the oldest but 10 years of age, are recovering this week from a harrowing experience Saturday night when their sailor-father lured them away from the home of their grandparents and attempted to kill them, according to a report by P. R. Thompson, officer in charge of the Harbor City police station.

Edward C. Frost, 16, a sailor with about 18 or 19 years in Navy service, is said to be the father who is accused of the alleged strange, cruel act. Because of the youngest boy's courage and fortitude, the three are alive today and well on the road to recovery, it is reported. Torrance Frost, age five, made his way through the rain to the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. M. A. McGuire, who live on 22nd street in the Shoestring strip, from a vegetable field south of the

brick yards in Lomita and gave the alarm that resulted in the rescue of the other two youngsters. Drugged Candy is Suspected Fred Frost, age seven, is recuperating from concussions, bruises and exposure as result of his father's assertedly brutal attack, and Jackie, 10, also suffered from cuts, bruises and exposure. According to the stories told by neighbors and the boys themselves to Officer Thompson, Frost appeared at the home of the children's grandparents, who had been caring for the children since the death of their mother about a year ago. He saw Jackie playing outside. He ordered the boy by threats to go inside the house and tell his grandmother that a neighbor was going to take him and his brothers for a ride. The boys then left with their father in a

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